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HOOVER MYSTERY

Several present and former FBI agents are saying privately that they suspect that J. Edgar Hoover died from an overdose of sleeping tablets. But they add that the exact cause of his death can't be determined without an autopsy. And Dr. James Luke, D.C. Coroner, has adamantly refused to conduct an autopsy.

The FBI men say: "Regardless of whether Mr. Hoover committed suicide or died from a stroke induced by hypertension: there is one thing for sure: Jack Anderson drove Mr. Hoover to his death—the same as Drew Pearson drove Jim Forrestal to his death."

Jack Anderson, a legman for Pearson for 23 years became his successor as the Nation's foremost muckraker. For the past two years Anderson has conducted a continuous, unrelenting campaign of harassment and vilification against J. Edgar Hoover. Anderson's gumshoe operatives shadowed Hoover, snooped in the trash can at his home, checked on the food he ate and the medicines he was taking; Anderson also purloined investigative reports from the confidential files of the FBI and publicized them with critical commentary.

Hoover fumed and raged, but he seemed impotent to do anything about it. Anderson carried on his savage personal attack against Hoover with official impunity. Even when Anderson filched the super-secret reports on the brief Pakistani-Indian War from the files of White House's National Security Council and the FBI was ordered to investigate this flagrant breach of national security the culprits were not apprehended. Under a reorganization Executive order all Federal intelligence agencies—including the CIA and the FBI—must work directly under Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, White House Chief National Security Adviser.

Since then, the flow of classified documents to Anderson have increased in volume. He seems to enjoy complete immunity from prosecutive action.

Hoover was terribly frustrated with this brazen security breach but there was apparently nothing at he could do. Did Hoover become a prisoner of his own Bureau? Did the FBI that he had created in a 45-year strenuous effort turn into a Frankenstein? Some conservative-oriented former men believe that this is true.

FBI men's analogy between Drew Pearson's vicious personal campaign against Forrestal and Jack Anderson's virulent personal campaign against Hoover is significant. In 1948 James V. Doolittle, the first Secretary of the Department of Defense, incurred the wrath of the Zionists by his criticism of their government support of

the Jewish occupation of Palestine and the stirring up of the Arab world against the U.S.

Ironically, Forrestal had been the Vice President of the Jewish international banking firm, Dillon, Read & Co. And Forrestal was planning to soon return to the firm, but he put duty to his country above self-aggrandizement. Forrestal exerted every effort to persuade President Truman not to recognize Israel, but in vain—Truman succumbed to the temptation of political campaign gifts from American Zionists.

In their vengeance, the Zionists selected Drew Pearson to lead the vicious campaign to destroy Forrestal. The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith assigned David Katz (alias Karr), former by-line writer for the Communist *Daily Worker*, and Andrew Older, member of the Washington, D.C. Communist newspaper cell, to the Pearson staff to assist in the vilification campaign against Forrestal.

The Zionists furnished Pearson cash funds to hire Gentile undercover gumshoe operatives to shadow Forrestal day and night, check on his personal life and the lives of his wife and son. Forrestal's personal correspondence and office files were stolen and published by Pearson in his syndicated column and in his news broadcasts. Pearson published not only half-truths but pure unadulterated falsehoods about Forrestal. When a Pearson aide remonstrated that an article that Pearson wrote about Forrestal was not true, Pearson replied: "The end justifies the means." Columnist Westbrook Pegler accused Pearson of writing "unequivocal lies" about Forrestal and when Forrestal committed suicide he castigated him for driving Forrestal to his death.

Shortly before his own death, Pearson wrote in his diary: "After Forrestal's death I suffered from insomnia. I was haunted with the thought that maybe Pegler was right—maybe I did drive Forrestal to his death. I felt an almost compulsive urge to join Forrestal in death."

At the time of Forrestal's death in 1949, some Washington insiders did not believe that Forrestal actually committed suicide. Forrestal was incarcerated as a patient under guard high in the tower of the Bethesda Naval Hospital. A Chief Naval Petty Officer was stationed outside the door of his room.

Forrestal tied several sheets together, fastened them to his bed and climbed out the window holding to the rope of sheets—he may have been trying to escape to a room below. Anyhow, he fell sixteen floors and died instantly. It was called "suicide."

Pearson had become an anti-Semitic crackpot, was endangering